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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MNOL, NI

SUBJECT: NIGERIA INVITES BIDS ON HEAVY GUNS FROM US

REF: A) LAGOS 0631, B) USDAO/LAGOS MSG 019 (DTG 271500Z
JAN 77)

1. DEPARTMENT UNABLE REPLY REFTEL PRIOR FEBRUARY 3 DUE
DATE IMPOSED BY FMG. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY INFORM
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE THAT 155 MILLIMETER HOWITZER AND 175
MILLIMETER SELF-PROPELLED GUN ARE AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH
USG FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES, THAT YOU HAVE FOR-
WARDED MINISTRY'S REQUEST TO USG AND ARE AWAITING REPLY.
DO NOT GO BEYOND THESE FACTS IN WRITTEN REPLY.

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2. FYI. REQUEST CONTAINED REFTEL CANNOT BE HANDLED AS
ROUTINE MUNITIONS CONTROL CASE BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE
UNDER FMS AND BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. DE-
PARTMENT IS UNWILLING PROVIDE COST ESTIMATES OR OTHER IN-
FORMATION UNTIL DECISION IS TAKEN IN PRINCIPLE TO FAVOR
SALE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT TO FMG. NO TELLING HOW LONG SUCH A

DECISION IN PRINCIPLE WILL TAKE, WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF ARMS POLICY REVIEW UNDERTAKEN BY NEW ADMINISTRATION. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD HAVE TO KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT NIGERIAN REQUIREMENTS, QUANTITIES,

AND DELIVERY TIME DESIRED, ETC. BEFORE MAKING "SALES PROPOSALS," AND WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER FMG JUSTIFICATION FOR PURCHASE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT BEFORE MAKING CONCRETE OFFER. FURTHERMORE, EVEN IF SALE OF SUCH MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT WERE APPROVED, IT WOULD REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, AS AMENDED, IF THE SALE WERE VALUED AT \$7 MILLION OR MORE, BEFORE LETTER OF OFFER COULD BE ISSUED. END FYI.

3. WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT APPROACHING FMG, COULD EMBASSY DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ON FMG NEED FOR 155 AND 175 MILLIMETER GUNS? CAN EMBASSY DETERMINE IF MOD REQUEST SENT ONLY TO USG, PERHAPS TO TEST WILLINGNESS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO SELL ARMS TO NIGERIA? WAS THE REQUEST CIRCULARIZED TO OTHER POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS, OR (AS SUGGESTED IN DAO MESSAGE 014 DTG 250835 JAN 77 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT) IS MOD LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN US DATA ONLY FOR COST COMPARISON PURPOSES? MAYBE EMBASSY COULD MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES TO TWO OR THREE OTHER EMBASSIES IN LAGOS.

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